

2020 IOWA INDUSTRY PROFILE

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Executive Summary

In 2019, the **Public Administration** sector comprised 4.3 percent of all employment in Iowa with 66,686 employees in the state. There are also government workers throughout other industries—such as healthcare, education, transportation, and utilities—that are not included in this sector. This sector can include federal, state, or local government, but does not include any employees in the private sector, i.e., contractors performing public government work are classified by the type of work they are doing for the government.

2019 is only the second year since 2010 that employment in the sector has increased from the previous year. Employment is 4.5% below the 2010 level. However, wages in the sector have risen steadily over the same time period, rising 22.1 percent from \$42,492 to \$51,863.

The largest subsector in this industry is **Executive, legislative, and general government support**, with 67.8 percent of sector employment in the state.

Men make up a majority of the employment in this sector, holding 56.7 percent of positions.





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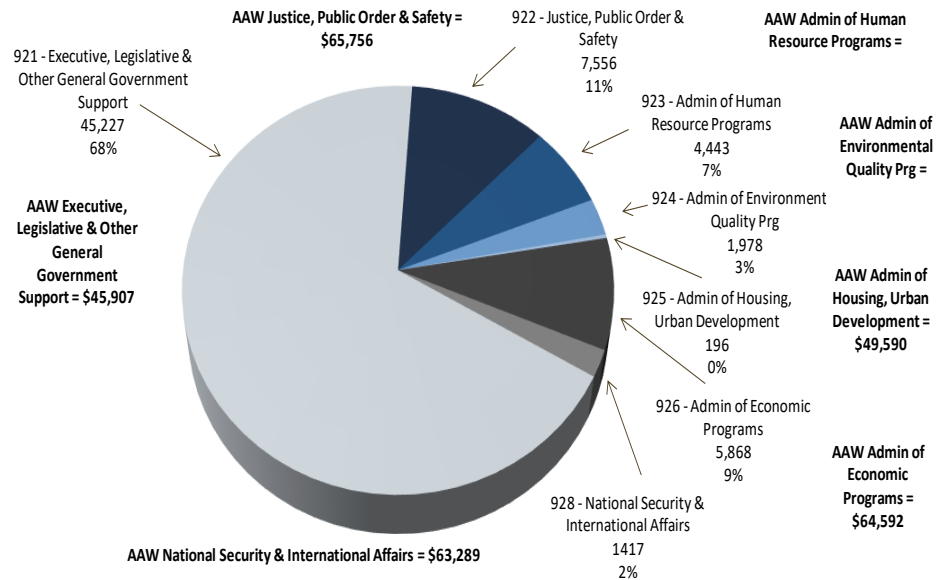
What is Public Administration?

This sector comprises establishments engaged in the oversight, management, and administration of public programs and have executive, legislative, or judicial authority over the public institutions within a given area at the state, local, or federal level. Usually the services financed and organized by this sector are provided to the public for free or at very low cost.

Some government establishments engage in productive activities similar to private sector activities, and are thus

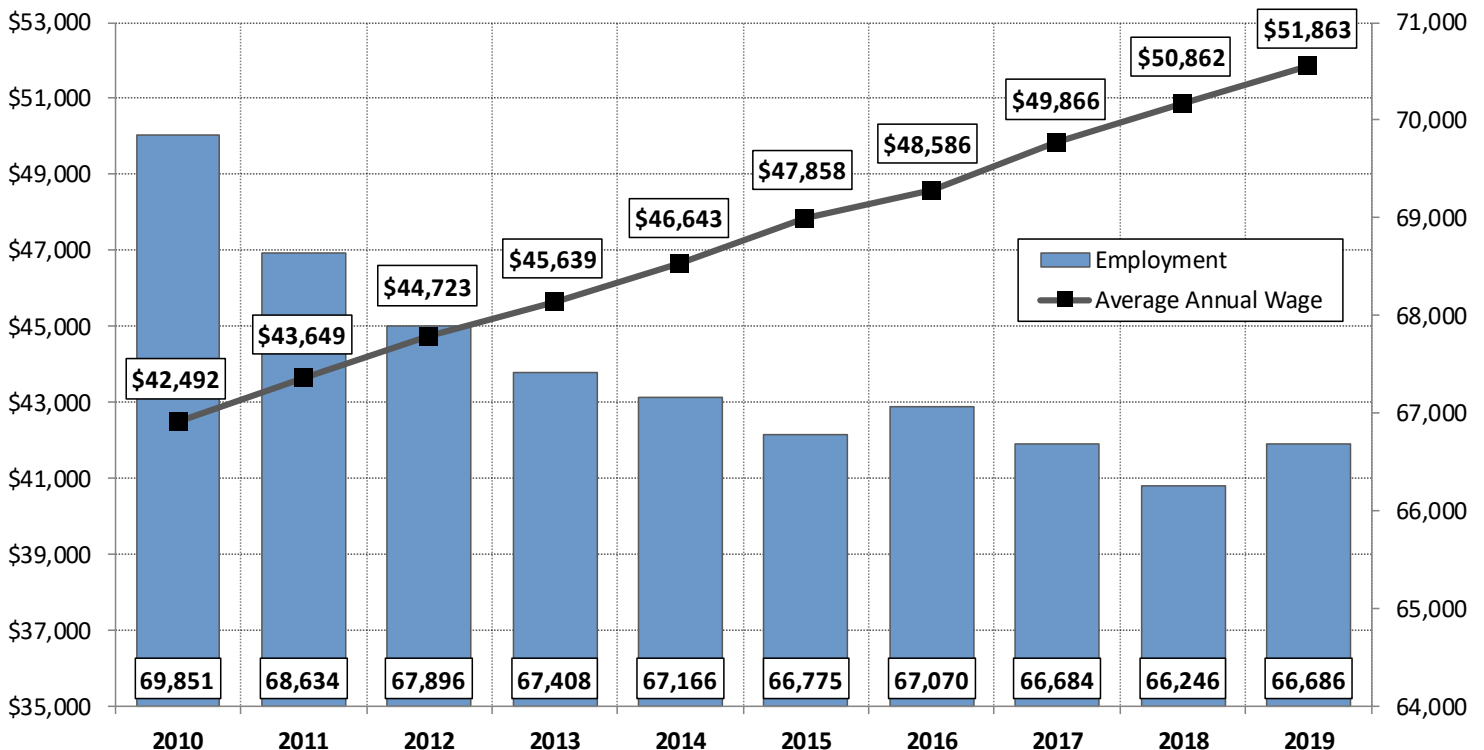
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2019 Industry Breakout by Employment in Iowa Public Administration NAICS Industry Coding



Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Iowa Workforce Development

2010-2019 Employment in Public Administration in Iowa



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Top Occupations in Public Administration	Employment
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	4,967
Postal Service Mail Carriers	3,935
Highway Maintenance Workers	3,383
Correctional Officers and Jailers	3,076
Office Clerks, General	2,098
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	1,781
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	1,728
Court, Municipal, and License Clerks	1,688
Firefighters	1,667
Registered Nurses	1,640
Postal Service Mail Sorters, Processors, and Processing Machine Operators	1,610
Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators	1,598
Bus Drivers, School or Special Client	1,557
Library Assistants, Clerical	1,429
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	1,333
Legislators	1,326
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	1,315
Recreation Workers	1,277
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	1,110
Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity	1,099

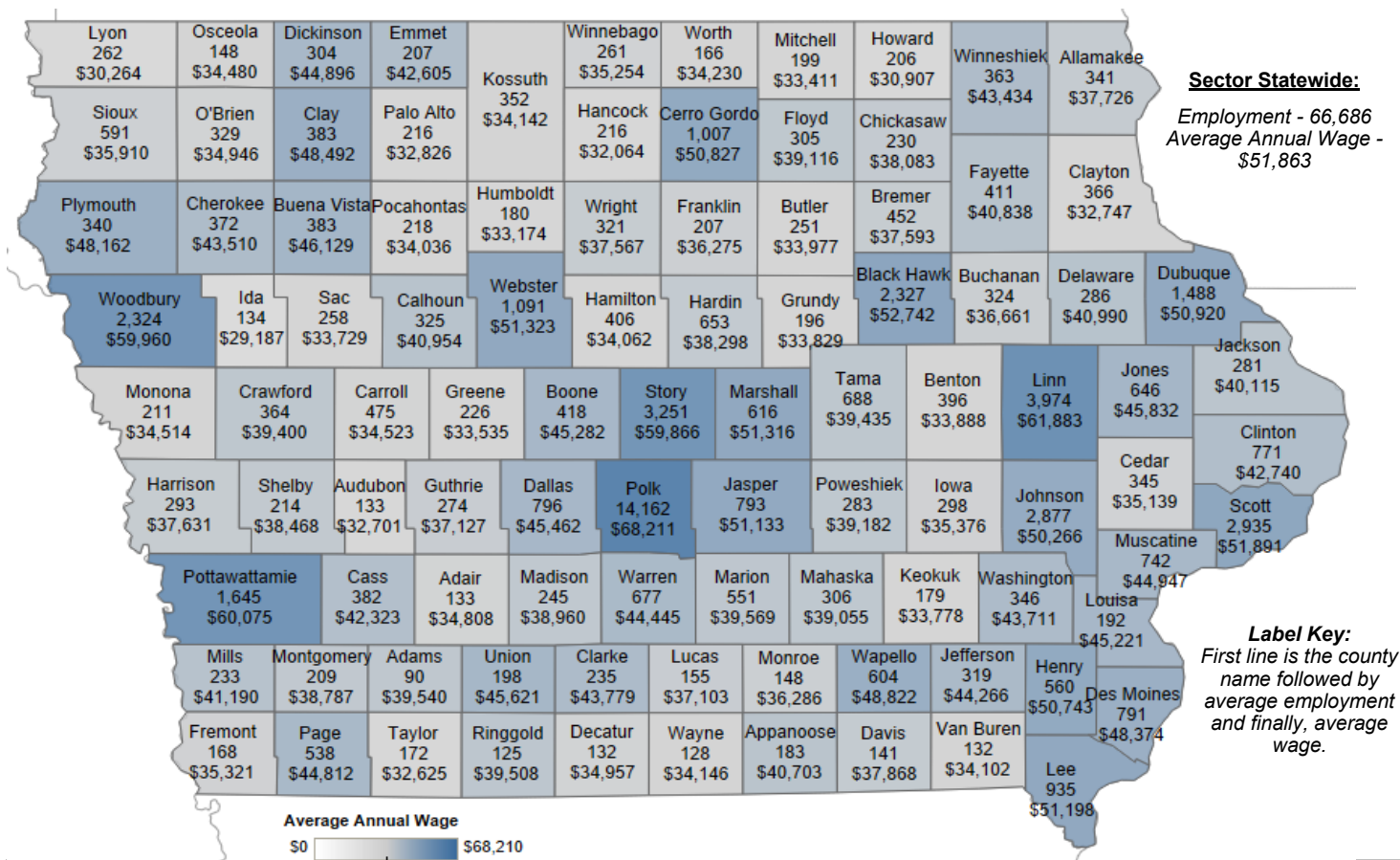
Source: Iowa Workforce Development, Labor Market Information Industry and Occupational Projections (2018-2028 Long-Term Projections)

Employers

In 2019, there were 3,043 **Public Administration** locations across Iowa. **Executive, legislative, and general government** represented a plurality of establishments with 1,131 locations, or 37.2 percent. However, this subsector also had the lowest average annual wage at \$45,907. The **Justice, public order, and safety** subsector had the highest average annual wage at \$65,756.

As demonstrated in the table to the left, police and sheriff patrol officers is the most common occupation in the industry as these positions exist in nearly every municipality.

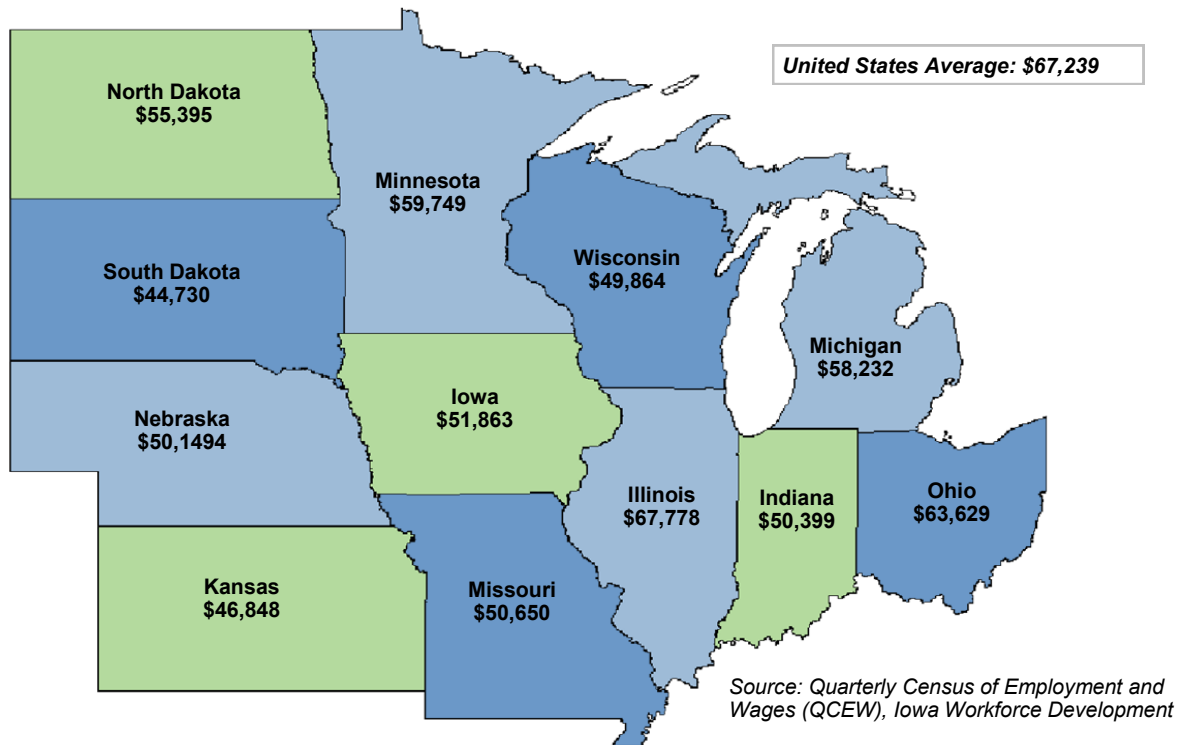
2019 Covered Employment in Public Administration by County



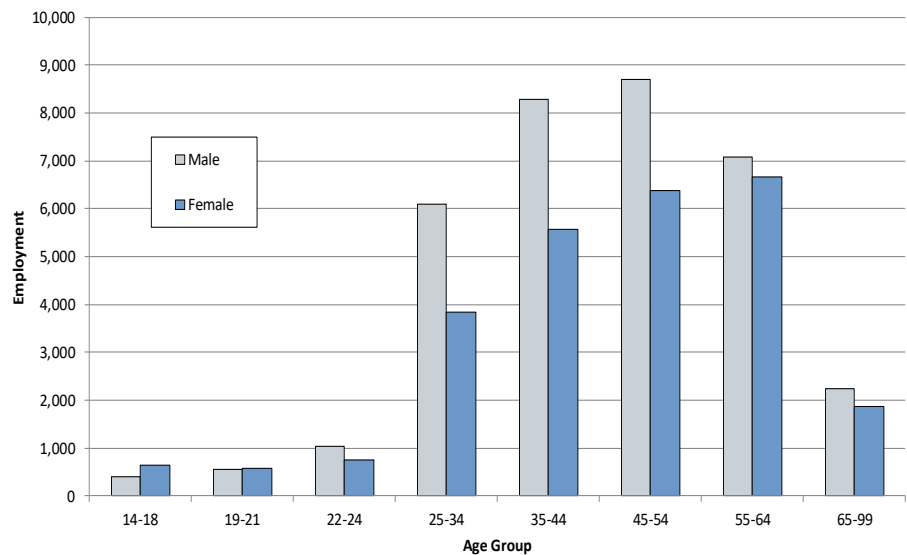


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2019 Average Annual Wage for Covered Employment in Public Administration



Industry Distribution by Age and Gender 2nd Qtr. 2019



Source: Local Employment Dynamics, Iowa Workforce Development and U.S. Census Bureau
<https://lehd.ces.census.gov/>

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